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B. ATHENS 6918 (DTG 251519Z JUL 77)
C. ATHENS 6919 (DTG 251519Z JUL 77)

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE BY REF A THAT APPROPRIATE DOD
ELEMENTS ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR AIRBORNE
RECONNAISSANCE FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSIONS IN ONTARIO ON
AUGUST 15. WE CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE
WHICH THE GREEKS PLACE ON THIS PROJECT, NOT ONLY
IN THE STRICT TECHNICAL SENSE, BUT FROM ITS POLICY
INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH THE DCA. WE ARE CONVINCED
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THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE ONTARIO DISCUSSIONS WILL
SET THE TONE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE BROAD RANGE OF
OTHER MUTUALLY-AGREED COMMITMENTS WHEN THE DCA
EVENTUALLY ENTERS INTO FORCE. THEREFORE, EVEN
THOUGH FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSIONS SHOULD PROPERLY CENTER
ON THE TOPICS OUTLINED IN REF B, THESE SHOULD BE
CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE POLITICAL

CONSIDERATIONS AND NEGOTIATING HISTORY WHICH BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT.

2. GREEK VIEWS ON THE U.S. OFFICIAL TO BE ASSIGNED IN ATHENS (REF B, PARA 1.L) ARE NOT PRIOR CONDITIONS AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 3 OF REF A. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT FINAL SELECTION WILL BE A U.S. DECISION. HOWEVER, THEY WISH THEIR VIEWS, WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE VALID AND IMPORTANT IN LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS, TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE THE U.S. DECISION IS MADE.

3. GREEK MOD POLICY REP COLONEL MARINAKIS VISITED EMBASSY BRIEFLY BEFORE DCA INITALING CEREMONY ON JULY 28 TO INFORM USDEL THAT GREEK PLANS FOR ONTARIO DISCUSSIONS WERE ON TRACK AND THAT THEIR TRAVEL PLANS WERE FIRM. GREEKS PLAN TO TRAVEL COMMERCIAL AIR DIRECT TO NEW YORK, THEN DIRECT TO LA ARRIVING EVENING OF SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 (FLIGHT NUMBER AND ARRIVAL TIME WILL BE PROVIDED LATER). GREEKS NOW ASK THAT WE MAKE AN EFFORT TO COVER ALL TOPICS AT ONTARIO BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, OR, IF NECESSARY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 20. THEY WISH TO DEPART FOR ATHENS BY THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE ON SUNDAY AUGUST 21.

4. THE GREEK DELEGATION HAS BEEN REDUCED TO FOUR
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MEMBERS: MARINAKIS, ARKOUMANEAS, STAMATOPOULOS, AND ZAFIROPOULOS (SEE PARAS 3 AND 4, REF C). NOTE THAT KERAMIDAS WAS DROPPED FROM PRIMARY LIST AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE ZAFIROPOULOS WILL REPLACE VOYATZIS. ZAFIROPOULOS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCUSSIONS ON FMS TOPIC AS WELL AS FINANCIAL ASPECTS. MARINAKIS SAID THAT HIS WIFE WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY HIM AND THAT THERE IS SOME CHANCE THAT ZAFIROPOULOS WILL BRING HIS WIFE ALSO.

5. TOPIC OUTLINE IN REF B IS STILL VALID. HOWVER, MARINAKIS ASKED THAT EMPHASIS WITHIN THIS OUTLINE BE PLACE ON MAINTENANCE, TRAINING, AND SUPPLY CONCEPTS AND TECH REPS. HE REITERATED ARKOUMANEAS' DESIRE TO VISIT CONTRACTOR FACILITIES TO SEE MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY NOT BE ON DISPLAY IN ONTARIO.

6. CLEARANCE REQUESTED IN REF A WILL FOLLOW BY
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